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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether MTNL is planning to implement 8 digit telephone Nos. in Delhi & Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether the private telephone operators are also planning 8 digit codes in Mumbai, Delhi;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the extent to which it is likely to improve the efficiency?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Mumbai : MTNL Mumbai has already implemented 8 digit telephone numbering scheme by prefixing '2' in fixed line telephone and by changing first two digits '25' of 'GARUDA' by '205' on 10.11.2002 at 00.00 Hours.

Delhi : MTNL Delhi is planning to implement 8 digit telephone numbering scheme in two phases. In the first phase, Trans Yamuna Area numbers starting with '2' digit will be converted to 8 digit by prefixing '2' in fixed line telephone on 25.11.2002 at 00.00 Hours. In the second phase, all other area numbers starting with 3/4/5/6/7 digits, will be converted to 8 digit by prefixing '2' in fixed line telephones on 5.12.2002 at 00.00 Hours..

In case of 'GARUDA', first digit 4/6 will be changed to '20' keeping last six digit same. This will be carried out on 5.12.2002 at 00.00 Hours in entire MTNL Delhi.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. Private Basic Operators` have also implemented 8 digit telephone numbering scheme with effect from 10.11.2002 in Mumbai. In Delhi, existing private operators are planning 8 digit numbers in December, 2002.

(f) Change over from 7 to 8 digit will facilitate better planning and additional capacity in the network.